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	A.	North Vietnamese Military Activity
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- B. Chinese Communist Military Activity
- No fighter or bomber moves have been noted. Air transport activity involving South China airfield continues, with no discernible pattern.
- The Chinese Navy continues to conduct routine operations.

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	C. North Korean Military Activity	25X
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II. OTHER COMMUNIST REACTIONS

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A. | while Hanoi remains remarkably calm, there is now evidence of wider reaction to the 5 August air strike. The trench-digging program has been stepped up and virtually every household without a trench seems to have been ordered to dig one. Instructional periods in district meeting halls are being held every night and are said to be entirely devoted to civil defense measures. According to

unconfirmed reports, "unreliable" elements of the populace have been rounded up and loyal citizens instructed to sharpen

their vigilance against suspected enemies of the regime.

B. Both the Chinese Communists and the North Vietnamese are maintaining a high level of anti-US propaganda. Widespread demonstrations continue to be reported from both countries.

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